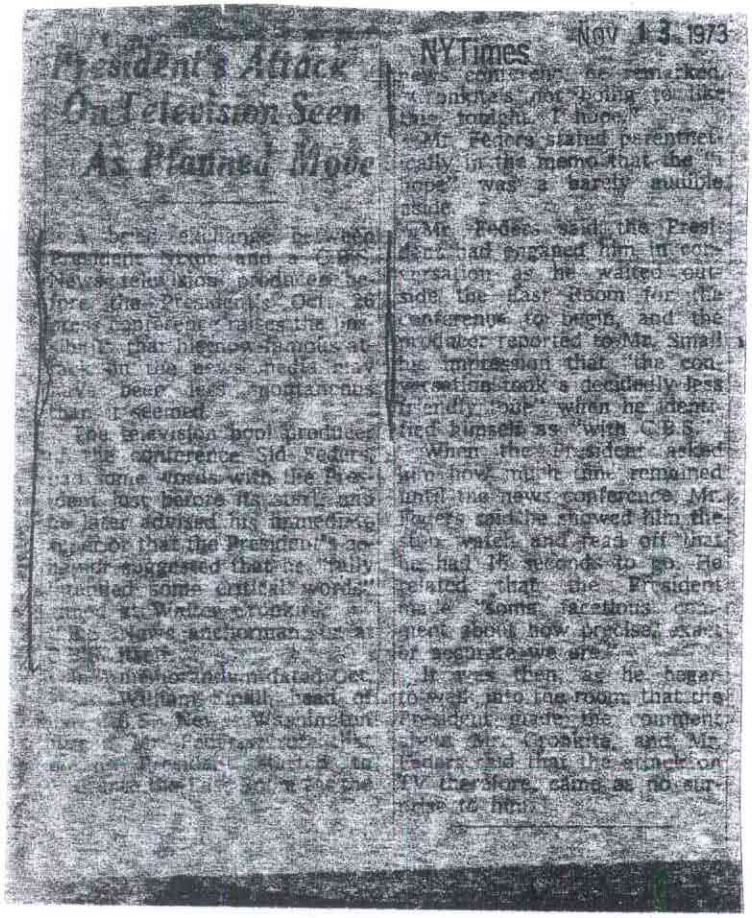

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news conference he remarked, 'I promise not going to like this tonight. I hope.'

Mr. Peters stated parenthetically in the memo that the 'hope' was a barely audible aside.

Mr. Peters said the President had groaned then in conversation as he waited outside the East Room for the conference to begin, and the producer reported to Mr. Small the impression that 'the conversation took a decidedly less friendly tone' when he identified himself as 'with C.B.S.'

When the President asked how much time remained until the news conference Mr. Peters said he showed him the face of his watch and read off what he had 15 seconds to go. He related that the President made 'some facetious comment about how precise we are.'

It was then, as he began to walk into the room that the President made the comment about Mr. Cronkite, and Mr. Peters said that the atmosphere, therefore, came as no surprise to him.